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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR UNGA EI

SUBJ: IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER AT UNGA

REF: DUBLIN 1944

1. I MET WITH IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER FITZGERALD SEPT. 23 TO DISCUSS HIS TRIP TO THE UNGA. HE WILL ARRIVE IN NEW YORK SEPT 25 VIA AER LINGUS FLIGHT 105 AT 3:45 PM. WE HAD A GENERAL DISCUSSION ALONG THE SAME LINES AS THE REFTEL.

2. FITZGERALD SAID THAT HIS MAIN EFFORTS AT THE UNGA WILL BE IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS, WHICH HAS BEEN AN IRISH SPECIALTY FOR SOME TIME. HE WILL ENDEAVOR TO DRUM UP SUPPORT FOR THE GERMAN INITIATIVE ON HOSTAGES, AND HE SAID  
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THAT AS OF NOW HE BELIEVED THAT THE MEASURE WOULD BE SUPPORTED

BY A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF LDC'S. HE ALSO MENTIONED A NEW BELGIAN INITIATIVE WHICH WAS DISCUSSED AT BEETSTERSWAAG. THIS WOULD CONSIST OF A KIND OF ROUND-ROBIN INVITATION BY COUNTRIES TO HAVE THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION VISIT THEIR COUNTRIES TO LOOK INTO HUMAN RIGHTS. WHETHER THIS INITIATIVE WILL BE IN THE FORM OF AN UNGA RESOLUTION IS NOT CLEAR. FITZGERALD SAID THAT HE HAS BEEN GIVEN AUTHORITY BY THE GOI TO JOIN SUCH AN INITIATIVE, AND HE BELIEVES THAT ALL THE OTHER EC COUNTRIES WILL GO ALONG.

3. ANOTHER HIGH PRIORITY TOPIC FOR THE IRISH IS NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION. FITZGERALD WENT ON AT SOME LENGTH ABOUT THE "MAD" AND "SUICIDAL" TREND TOWARD PROLIFERATION, AND HE SAID THAT THE US HAS A HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY IN THIS AREA.

4. WE HAD A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA AND AGREED THAT THE SHAPE OF PLAY AT THE UNGA ON THESE ISSUES WILL DEPEND UPON THE OUTCOME OF THE SECRETARY'S EFFORTS. HE NOTED THAT HE WAS SOMEWHAT SURPRISED THAT NAMIBIA SEEMS TO HAVE DROPPED OUT OF SIGHT AND RHODESIA IS GETTING ALL THE ATTENTION.

5. FITZGERALD MADE A STRONG PITCH ABOUT THE USG NOT BLOCKING THE ADMISSION OF VIETNAM AND ANGOLA TO THE UN. HE SAID THAT WE WOULD BE IN A POOR POSITION TO DEFEND THE PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY LATER IN OTHER CONTEXTS, E.G. ISRAEL, IF WE BLOCK THE TWO. I SAID THAT WE HAVE NOT STATED THAT WE WILL OPPOSE THEIR ADMISSION FOREVER, BUT THERE ARE VALID AND SPECIFIC REASONS WHY WE CANNOT SUPPORT THE ADMISSION OF VIETNAM NOW. ON ANGOLA I SAID THAT WE ARE STILL DISTURBED ABOUT THE PRESENCE OF THE CUBANS AND ALSO THE WHOLE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA IS VERY FLUID. FITZGERALD SAID HE UNDERSTOOD OUR REASONS, BUT THINKS OUR POLICY IS SHORTSIGHTED.

6. IN CLOSING, I REFERRED TO THE MATTER OF CONTACTS WITH THE USDEL IN NEW YORK (SEE REFTEL). CURLEY

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